

Dr. Frances Contreras Day

Presented by Council President Jennifer Campbell, Councilmember Joe La Cava, and Councilmember Raul Campillo

December 17, 2021

WHEREAS, Dr. Frances Contreras has served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and a Professor in the Department of Education Studies at UC San Diego; **AND**

WHEREAS, Dr. Contreras earned her Bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley, Master's degree from Harvard University and Ph.D. in Administration and Education Policy from Stanford University; **AND**

WHEREAS, Dr. Contreras has over 15 years of administrative leadership in which she has directed their higher education programs; **AND**

WHEREAS, Dr. Contreras has been appointed Dean of the School of Education at the University of California, Irvine making her the first Chicana/Latina dean of a school of education in the University of California system; **AND**

WHEREAS, Dr. Contreras has been published in national leading education journals for her focus on issues of equity and access for underrepresented students in the education pipeline and the role of public policy in ensuring student equity across a P-20 continuum; **AND**

WHEREAS, Dr. Contreras has been recognized nationally as being amongst the top academicians in the United States including being the recipient of a lifetime achievement award by the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs for her work to address Latino student equity; **AND**

WHEREAS, Dr. Contreras demonstrated leadership in the creation of the Center for Faculty Diversity and Inclusion (FDI), while providing vision and expertise to design and implement policies and programs to enhance the presence and retention of diverse faculty at UC San Diego; **AND**

WHEREAS, Dr. Contreras has made measurable impacts in advancing UC San Diego's efforts to better support the success of current and future Latinx/Chicanx students, families, and communities; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby proclaim December 17, 2021, to be "**Dr. Frances Contreras Day**" in the City of San Diego.